

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hello to All Bear Cub Families,

We are so excited to have most of our Bear Cubs back from the holiday break! We missed all of you! From the stories the children have shared with us the extra time with family and friends was greatly appreciated by all.

There is a lovely new friend that joined our Bear Cub team! Her name is Wren Schneider Hartupee. The children have been kind, friendly, and inclusive. We are so proud of our Bear Cubs in welcoming new friends! Ryan Zhang is off to Michigan! His father accepted a position in Detroit, Michigan, after earning his Masters Degree in Business from Washington University in December. We wish the family good luck in their new home!

Speaking of new friends?? We also will take a moment to welcome our two new baby Bear Cub sisters that arrived to join our family. The Gunji family and the Robbins family welcomed sisters recently! Congratulations to both of those families! Both Clara and Kaito will offer such love to their new sisters!

SHOW AND SHARE HAS FINALLY ARRIVED! We are introducing a much-anticipated activity happening every Friday. Each child is invited to bring something special (the choice must fit in his/her back pack). We have a small stage made with blocks in the center of our circle. They have an opportunity to come up on the stage and show this special "thing". It may be a book, toy, rock, gem, car, doll, dinosaur, etc. NO PRESSURE! Your child may choose not to do it! This is totally voluntary. There are many opportunities throughout our semester!

FINALLY, we are moving forward with our unit on CASTLES THIS WEEK! We are working hard to get our castle finished with all of the important accessories!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR FAMILIES! STAY WARM IN THIS COLD SPELL AND HOPE FOR WARMER WEATHER SO THAT WE MAY ENJOY OUR OUTDOOR TIME.

ENJOY YOUR WEEK!

MARSHA AND KATIE